

Spring Grove Baseball Association

July 22, 2025

7:00pm



Welcome: Meeting called to order at 7:01PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Attendees: Jon Kilmer, Jen Sipe, April Gruver, Mike Frey, Damian Sipe, Jenn Bankert, Tim Hunter, Kris Phagan, Amber Roth

Guests: Eric Tracy, Matt Hoke, Jordan Hoke

President's Report, submitted by Jon Kilmer:

- We did not have an official meeting in June and therefore there are no minutes to approve.
 - Attendance for June: Jon Kilmer, Jen Sipe, Damian Sipe, Tim Hunter, Jenn Bankert (not a quorum)
Guests: Eric Tracy, Aaron Lehman
- May meeting minutes approved by all.
- May Treasurer's Report approved by all.
- Photos went well. 7/20, we had about 50 families sign up for pictures.
- Notes from June: We plan to upgrade the content on the website with more information and easier to find links (similar to soccer). This will include volunteer requirements.

Vice-President's Report, submitted by Mike Frey:

- An explanation was given on the 7th and 8th grade team idea from York County Baseball league. This will be played on a 90ft field. More information to come but York County needs to know if we are interested by next meeting, November 9. Mike will be discussing the idea with Josh Fishel and Doug Arnold (High School coaches) to align this with high school baseball. Questions the board members have:
 - What are the fees for this?
 - Do we need to provide transportation like the HS?
 - Should we poll our families to see if interested?
 - We will need an indoor facility for winter practices
 - We could use the school's newsletter to get information out to families about the new team
 - Suggest that we do not have a dad coach. We need to choose someone who does not have a child on the team.

Treasurer's Report, submitted by April Gruver:

<i>June 2025</i>		<i>July 2025</i>	
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$36,590.80	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$42,507.10
<i>Credits</i>	\$6,502.54	<i>Credits</i>	\$24,892.24
<i>Debits</i>	\$586.24	<i>Debits</i>	\$13,770.20
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 42,507.10	<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$53,629.14

- Port-o-pot has been removed from the middle school field.
- April is officially stepping down from the Treasurer's role as of December. She will work with whoever takes over the position for a smooth transition.

Secretary's Report, submitted by Jennifer Sipe:

- Suggestion: Email out a request for coaching volunteers to families to see who is interested. Include # of teams and age groups in email and what our coaching needs are prior to choosing coaches.
- No scholarship applications came in so we will roll this year's into next year's scholarship (possibly have 2 winners next year)
- Concessions: Jen Sipe, Allison Strausbaugh, Tiff Hunter and Mindy Tracy will work on a plan for Boro concessions

- Clearances – anyone under 18 who would like to volunteer to help out will not be required to submit the criminal background or PA Child Abuse clearances. We will require written permission from the parents and will require the use of a helmet if they participate as a base coach. We will also share the coach's code of conduct with the volunteer to make sure they understand the expectations.

Equipment Director, submitted by Tim Hunter:

- Mike and Doug still need to turn in equipment from Spring.
- Jason Trayer is still playing.

Technology Director, submitted by Jen Sipe for Michael Nicholas:

- 164 players are registered for the Fall season
- Mike informed the board via text message that he is officially stepping down from the Technology Director's role as of December. He will work with whoever takes over the position for a smooth transition.

League Liaison, submitted by Mike Frey for Amanda Rivera:

- See report for the vice president.

Fundraising and Sponsorship Director, submitted by Amber Roth:

- Nothing to report

Player Agent/Player Development Director, submitted by Kris Phagan:

- Teams are due 7/31 and for the league 8/1.
- Teams are almost ready. Ironing out coaches are some teams.

Communications Director, submitted by Jenn Bankert:

- We need to make sure to include statements/reminders in emails and on the website about NOT unsubscribing to SGBA Communications/emails.

Fields and Grounds Director, submitted by Damian Sipe:

- We purchased 2 new liners for the fields.
- We will need to purchase more weed killer.
- August 9 is scheduled for Fall field prep
 - SG Boro = 12U
 - Farmer's = 10U
 - NC Lower = 14U
 - NC Upper = 8UB&C and 10U
 - Stoverstown = 16A&B and 16-19
 - NC tee ball field
- Need to get quotes for additional quick dry and clay for the fields.
- First Aid kits are being restocked for Fall
- Spoke with Bill Stiles and learned that we are approved to add shelving. The tech center supplies will be cleared out to make more room for us as well.
- We are officially losing NC Upper in the Spring to softball. This is going to hurt us a lot in the Spring.
- Damian is working on building a relationship back with Heidelberg. More to come on that.

Open Forum

- Suggestion from Eric Tracy – if players are double rostering on SGBA and another team and then drop out of SGBA, they must sign up during registration and will be able to receive a refund for the registration less the fee for a jersey and hat.
 - Also, suggest having 13-15 players per team so teams are not short players due to vacations and injuries
- Question from Aaron Lehman – Umpires this year are not great. What is the plan for future seasons? Aaron is also concerned with the behavior of the other team's players and coaches.

- Concern from Matt Hoke with how teams are formed and which skill level is assigned to each player. He asked how player development is involved with the teams and coaches for development of player that need a little extra help or who are brand new to baseball.

Old Business:

- Golf Tournament Updates
 - Profit from golf tournament is \$10,129.08. Great job by all!!!!
 - We will be sending thank you notes to all sponsors and will be awarding all sponsors of \$500 or more plaque/gift from SGBA – all approved.
 - We will continue to plan to hold the annual golf tournament on the 3rd Saturday in July
 - Looking to book Briarwood for 2027. Damian to reach out for available dates.
 - We will be adding a cost and category to our list of door prizes and raffles to avoid the confusion that we had this year.

Announcements: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spring Grove (across from the paper mill).

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, 
Jennifer Sipe, Secretary